

~~Amendments to the Specification:~~

page 1, before line 5

~~Before page 1, line 5, please insert the following heading and paragraph.~~

IDC-a1,AMD

■ Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/617,539, filed July 14,
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2000 ■

Please amend the ~~paragraph~~ starting at page 1, line 7 and ending at page 1, line 12
to read, as follows.

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■ The present invention relates to a sheet punching device for cutting a hole in a
sheet, and an image forming apparatus, such as a copying machine, a printer, a facsimile
machine, and a composite apparatus including the foregoing equipment of those devices,
provided with the sheet punching device. ■

Please amend the ~~paragraph~~ starting at page 1, line 26 and ending at page 2, line 3
to read, as follows.

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■ Also, because the number of holes to be cut in the sheet is different depending on
the respective countries, if the conventional sheet punching device is adapted to a standard
of some one countries, it can not be adapted to a standard of other countries. ■

Please amend the ~~paragraphs~~ starting at page 6, line 8 and ending at page 7, line 10
to read, as follows.

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■ Figs. 3A and 3B are diagrams for explanation of the operation of a three-fold
~~three-fold~~ treating portion, respectively, in which Fig. 3A is a diagram showing a state